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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Young et al.

Attorney Docket No.: PF467

Application Serial No.: 09/325,019

Art Unit: 1647

Filed: June 3, 1999

Examiner: Spector, L.

Title: Connective Tissue Growth Factor-4

PROVISIONAL ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2001 (Paper No. 10), please consider the following traversal, provisional election, and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Fee Transmittal Sheet; (b) Petition for an Extension of Time for a period of time of four months up to and including August 15, 2001; (c) an Associate Power of Attorney; and (d) an Information Disclosure Statement attaching Form PTO/SB/08 and a copy of reference AJ.

Remarks

Claims 11, 13, 17-18, 20, and 23-105 are pending.

Pursuant to Paper No. 10, mailed March 15, 2001, the Examiner has required an election of a nucleic acid within Group I, as defined by the Examiner in Paper No. 6, mailed July 27, 2000. More particularly, the Examiner has required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of:

a single invention of a nucleic acid, wherein the nucleic acid comprises a polynucleotide encoding a protein selected from the group consisting of the following regions of SEQ ID NO:2 (i.e. elect one from the following Markush group): Residues 1-335, 15-84, 89-154, 184-228, 241-316, 39-55,